

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadashi OGASAWARA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING Ti OR Ti ALLOY THROUGH REDUCTION BY  
Ca (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 28, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 3.**